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MASS TRANS FINANCIAL MATTERS Time Extension Request for **Project Completion** Action Item

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TIME EXTENSION REQUEST - CTC RESOLUTION G-99-27 STIP GUIDELINES, SECTION 59 TIMELY USE OF FUNDS

TRANSIT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TCI) WAIVER-00-03

ACTION TAKEN

Project Completion Extension for the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District's Bus Rehabilitation project approved to December 31, 2000.

ISSUE

The Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (SCMTD) has requested a time extension authorized under Resolution G-99-27, STIP Guidelines, adopted by the California Transportation Commission (Commission) on September 29, 1999, to extend the period of project completion on Fiscal Year (FY) 1997-98 Transit Capital Improvement (TCI) program funds. SCMTD requests the funds be extended from June 30, 2000 to December 31, 2000.

RECOMMENDATION

The Department of Transportation recommends the Commission approve the time extension for the time period requested. This extension will provide the local agency sufficient time to inspect the rehabilitation of the first three buses before releasing the remaining buses for rehabilitation. The extension will also allow the agency to accept and render payments to the contractor for all eligible rehabilitation work.

Program/	Allocation	Amount	Expenditures to Date	Remaining	# of Previous
Resolution	Date	Allocated		Balance	Extensions
TCI Resolution MFP-97-15	10/27/97	\$250,000	0	\$250,000	0

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BACKGROUND

n October 27, 1997, the Commission adopted Resolution MFP-97-15 allocating \$250,000 to the SCMTD for the rehabilitation of ten buses, to be used for their service expansion. The rehabilitation project was programmed and allocated from the FY 1997-98 TCI Program.

The project involved acquiring and rehabilitating 10 used buses Central Contra Costa Transit Authority (CCCTA) in 1998, but CCCTA cancelled the transfer due to their own service expansion. A new search was conducted, and finally in April 1999 10 buses were obtained from San Mateo County Transit Agency (SamTrans). A Request For Bids in June 1999 produced only one bid which was rejected, as it exceeded the project budget. Another Request For Bids was initiated in September 1999. Bids were opened and a contract was awarded in November 1999. The first three buses have been delivered to contractor. The rehabilitation of those buses is scheduled for completion by February 2000. SCMTD is requesting a six-month extension to the project completion deadline. This extension will provide the local agency sufficient time to inspect the rehabilitation of the first three buses before releasing the remaining buses for rehabilitation.